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PECAN PRODUCTION**

LOUISIANA MILK PRODUCTION

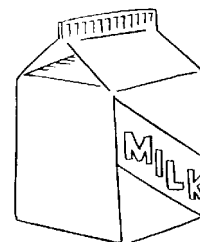
Louisiana dairies produced 189 million pounds of milk during the April-June 1999 quarter, down 7 percent from the same period in 1998. Milk cows averaged 61,000 head during the quarter, down 3 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES MILK PRODUCTION

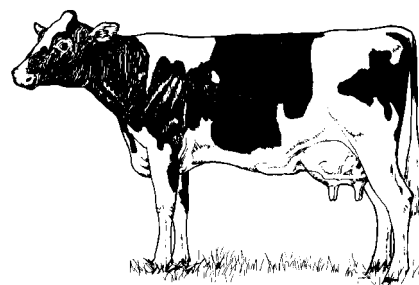
Milk production in the 20 major States during June totaled 11.8 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from production in these same States in June 1998. May revised production, at 12.4 billion pounds, was up 3.5 percent from May 1998.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,525 pounds for June, 48 pounds above June 1998.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.73 million head, 11,000 head more than June 1998, and 4,000 head more than May 1999.



The quarterly production of milk for the U.S. was 42.0 billion pounds, 3.0 percent above the April-June period last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the April-June quarter was 9.15 million head, 20,000 head less than the same period last year. #



MILK PRODUCTION

| STATE | April - June MILK COWS 1/ | | April - June MILK PRODUCTION 2/ | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 |
| | Thousands | | Million Pounds | |
| Alabama | 28 | 27 | 104 | 100 |
| Arkansas | 49 | 45 | 167 | 132 |
| Louisiana | 63 | 61 | 203 | 189 |
| Mississippi | 42 | 39 | 157 | 150 |
| Oklahoma | 92 | 92 | 316 | 317 |
| Tennessee | 106 | 99 | 399 | 373 |
| Texas | 356 | 344 | 1,528 | 1,509 |
| United States | 9,171 | 9,151 | 40,821 | 42,034 |

1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

UNITED STATES WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 11 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR.

Winter Wheat acres for harvest as grain are forecast at 35.6 million, down 11 percent from 1998. Harvest progress in the 19 major producing states had reached 45 percent completion by July 4. This trailed well behind last year's rapid harvest, and lagged normal by eight points. In general, Soft Red Winter (SRW) states are ahead of average harvesting progress while Hard Red Winter (HRW) trailed.

Harvested yields were better than previously expected in the SRW states, some spectacularly so. Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Tennessee now expect new record highs. These states joined Alabama, and Mississippi where records had been forecast a month ago. Collective head count forecasts dipped in the SRW Objective Yield states (Illinois, Missouri, Ohio), but average weight per head is up 9 percent. #



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| STATE | AREA HARVESTED | | YIELD | | PRODUCTION | |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| | 1998 | IND. 1999 | 1998 | IND. 1999 | 1998 | 1999 |
| | 1,000 Acres | | Bushels | | 1,000 Bushels | |
| Alabama | 85 | 100 | 42.0 | 48.0 | 3,570 | 4,800 |
| Arkansas | 900 | 870 | 51.0 | 56.0 | 45,900 | 48,720 |
| Kansas | 10,100 | 9,200 | 49.0 | 46.0 | 494,900 | 423,200 |
| Louisiana | 90 | 110 | 44.0 | 47.0 | 3,960 | 5,170 |
| Mississippi | 150 | 165 | 45.0 | 50.0 | 6,750 | 8,250 |
| Oklahoma | 5,100 | 4,300 | 39.0 | 34.0 | 198,900 | 146,200 |
| Texas | 3,900 | 3,400 | 35.0 | 36.0 | 136,500 | 122,400 |
| United States | 40,126 | 35,609 | 46.9 | 47.0 | 1,880,605 | 1,673,222 |

U. S. PECANS

| VARIETY | UTILIZED PRODUCTION | | | PRICE PER POUND | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
| | 1,000 Pounds | | | Dollars | | |
| Improved Varieties 1/ | | | | | | |
| Alabama | 7,500 | 7,000 | 3,500 | 0.560 | 0.760 | 0.954 |
| Arizona | 17,000 | 18,500 | 13,000 | 0.620 | 1.250 | 1.590 |
| Arkansas | 800 | 1,200 | 300 | 1.000 | 0.750 | 1.150 |
| California | 1,300 | 3,000 | 1,700 | 0.830 | 1.320 | 1.660 |
| Florida | 500 | 600 | 200 | 0.650 | 1.000 | 1.100 |
| Georgia | 80,000 | 77,000 | 35,000 | 0.646 | 0.904 | 1.240 |
| Louisiana | 2,000 | 2,000 | 3,000 | 0.900 | 0.900 | 1.000 |
| Mississippi | 1,300 | 2,600 | 800 | 0.780 | 0.844 | 0.870 |
| New Mexico | 22,000 | 45,000 | 32,000 | 0.740 | 0.940 | 1.490 |
| North Carolina | 425 | 900 | 1,500 | 0.650 | 0.950 | 1.000 |
| Oklahoma | 500 | 3,000 | 200 | 0.990 | 0.760 | 1.220 |
| South Carolina | 1,800 | 2,100 | 800 | 0.700 | 0.840 | 1.240 |
| Texas | 30,000 | 40,000 | 20,000 | 0.800 | 0.863 | 1.300 |
| United States | 165,125 | 202,900 | 112,000 | 0.689 | 0.933 | 1.350 |
| Native and Seedling | | | | | | |
| Alabama | 4,500 | 6,000 | 1,500 | 0.480 | 0.518 | 0.674 |
| Arkansas | 400 | 2,300 | 250 | 0.700 | 0.630 | 0.880 |
| Florida | 1,400 | 1,200 | 1,100 | 0.550 | 0.600 | 0.750 |
| Georgia | 10,000 | 23,000 | 5,000 | 0.452 | 0.591 | 1.110 |
| Kansas | 200 | 4,200 | 50 | 0.980 | 0.670 | 0.880 |
| Louisiana | 14,000 | 10,000 | 13,000 | 0.400 | 0.480 | 0.600 |
| Mississippi | 1,300 | 1,400 | 400 | 0.570 | 0.583 | 0.660 |
| North Carolina | 375 | 600 | 1,000 | 0.500 | 0.650 | 0.800 |
| Oklahoma | 1,500 | 32,000 | 1,800 | 0.520 | 0.550 | 0.680 |
| South Carolina | 700 | 1,400 | 300 | 0.530 | 0.610 | 1.020 |
| Texas | 10,000 | 50,000 | 10,000 | 0.500 | 0.477 | 0.850 |
| United States | 44,375 | 132,100 | 34,400 | 0.464 | 0.530 | 0.772 |
| All Pecans | | | | | | |
| Alabama | 12,000 | 13,000 | 5,000 | 0.530 | 0.648 | 0.870 |
| Arizona | 17,000 | 18,500 | 13,000 | 0.620 | 1.250 | 1.590 |
| Arkansas | 1,200 | 3,500 | 550 | 0.900 | 0.671 | 1.030 |
| California | 1,300 | 3,000 | 1,700 | 0.830 | 1.320 | 1.660 |
| Florida | 1,900 | 1,800 | 1,300 | 0.576 | 0.733 | 0.804 |
| Georgia | 90,000 | 100,000 | 40,000 | 0.624 | 0.832 | 1.220 |
| Kansas | 200 | 4,200 | 50 | 0.980 | 0.670 | 0.880 |
| Louisiana | 16,000 | 12,000 | 16,000 | 0.463 | 0.550 | 0.675 |
| Mississippi | 2,600 | 4,000 | 1,200 | 0.675 | 0.753 | 0.800 |
| New Mexico | 22,000 | 45,000 | 32,000 | 0.740 | 0.940 | 1.490 |
| North Carolina | 800 | 1,500 | 2,500 | 0.580 | 0.830 | 0.920 |
| Oklahoma | 2,000 | 35,000 | 2,000 | 0.638 | 0.568 | 0.734 |
| South Carolina | 2,500 | 3,500 | 1,100 | 0.652 | 0.748 | 1.180 |
| Texas | 40,000 | 90,000 | 30,000 | 0.725 | 0.649 | 1.150 |
| United States | 209,500 | 335,000 | 146,400 | 0.641 | 0.774 | 1.210 |

1/Budded, grafted, or topworked varieties.

1998 PECAN PRODUCTION DOWN

Production of all **pecans** in the **United States** in 1999 totaled 146.4 million pounds, down 56 percent from 1997. Production of improved varieties, at 112.0 million pounds, was down 45 percent from the previous year, while native and seedling out put totaled 134.4 million pounds, down 74 percent from the previous year.

The average price of all pecans in the United States was \$1.210 per pound, up .44 cents from 1997. The minimum pecan price reported was in Louisiana, at .675 cents per pound, while the maximum price was reported in California at \$1.660 cents per pound.

The value of utilized production in the U.S. was \$177.45 million in 1998, down 31 percent from the previous year. Georgia led all States in value of pecan production with \$48.95 million, New Mexico was second with 47.680 million and Texas was third with \$34.5 million. #

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